

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, lines 17-26, are amended as follows:

Accordingly, the present invention provides a method of manufacturing a porous cementitious product, which method comprises:

forming a cementitious premix;

casting the premix in a desired configuration;

generating gas bubbles within the premix; and

curing the premix,

wherein the gas bubbles are generated and/or collapsed at specific locations within the premix in order to produce a porosity profile along a cross-section of the product such that the product comprises a relatively low density core region and higher density outer regions, wherein a formwork is used for shaping the premix in the desired configuration, wherein the premix is confined in the formwork in order to contribute to the desired porosity profile, and wherein ~~the formwork has a lid in order to restrain rising of the premix and cause collapsing of expanding premix on contact with the lid~~ gas bubbles at an outer surface of the premix are caused to collapse to produce a relatively dense skin.